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Morson--Scott--Payne.

Dr. W. W. Payne, of Warrenton, Va., writes:

"John, Lord of the Isles, married 'Margaret,' daughter of Robert II of Scotland; from this marriage are descended all of the Alexanders.

His third son, Alexander, married——

His second son, Alexander Alexander, married—— 1480.

Son Thomas Alexander obtained 'Menstrie' 1505.

Son Andrew Alexander married Catharine Graham 1500.

Son Alexander Alexander married Elizabeth Douglas.

Eldest son, Andrew, married and succeeded to 'Menstrie,' 1544.

Son Alexander of 'Menstrie,' married Elizabeth Forbes.

Oldest son, Wm. Alexander, of 'Menstrie' married ——

Oldest son, Alexander Alexander, of 'Menstrie' married Marian Contee, 1567.

Only son, William (Lord Stirling), married Janet Ersine.

Son John Alexander emigrated to Virginia, 1659.

Son Robert died 1704, m— —

Son Robert married Anne Fowke 1710.

Son John married Susanna Pearson 1734.

Son William died 1802, married Sarah Bruce Casson.

Daughter Anne Casson died 1833, married Alexander Morson, "Hollywood."

Daughter Anne Casson Morson, married Hon. R. E. Scott of Oakwood; issue, Elizabeth married Henry Rives; Anne, married Capt. A. D. Payne; Susan m. Major William Herbert of Alexandria.

Rhuys Ap Hooe emigrated from Wales in 1636—married in England Jane Seymour.

Only son, Rice—married Catharine Taliaferro, circa 1650.

Only son, Col. Rice Hooe,—built 'Barnsfield,' (where lie buried 7 generations of the family), King George Co., Va.—married 1698 the widow Dade née Frances Townshend, of the same family as that of Viscount Charles Townshend, one of the ministers of George I.

His son, John Hooe, m. *Anne Fowke Alexander.* Son Richard married, 1756, Anne Ireland of Maryland.

Daughter Catharine Taliaferro Hooe, married William Winter, of 'Efton Hills,' Maryland.

Daughter Elizabeth Winter married Daniel Payne of 'Granville', Fauquier Co., Va.

Son Richard married Alice Fitzhugh Dixon, of "Kinloch," Fauquier Co., Va.

Son Capt. A. D. Payne married Anne Morson Scott, daughter of Hon. Robert Eden Scott of 'Oakwood,' by his 2nd wife Anne Casson Morson of 'Hollywood,' Stafford Co., Va.

Capt. A. D. Payne was 7th in descent from John Payne, the emigrant, who came over in the 2nd Supply, during Yeardley's administration, 1620—under the immediate auspices of his brother, Sir Robert, and settled upon a grant from the crown in what was then Rappahannock Co. From him has come down an unbroken line to the present day. My great grandfather, Capt. Wm. Payne of 'Clifton,' was a Revolutionary officer—died in 1837, at 84. He

was the grandfather of Gen. W. H. Payne. Sir Robert Payne purchased his title (Baronetcy of Evering) from James I—1615; it became extinct in 1804.

Normandie in France was the cradle of the family. In the 9th century, the 'Payne Seygnieurs' were resident on and around the little town of 'St. Lo' in that province, holding large landed possessions. *Motto*—'Malo mori quam foedari.'

A considerable part of my authority for the contents above is based upon the chronicles of my paternal grandmother, (Elizabeth Hooe Payne); but, also upon various other sources. For the marriage of Rhuys Hooe, the emigrant, I am indebted to Mrs. Lucy Barnes Hooe, of King George, Va. From her open letter, I quote as follows: 'Rhuys or Rice Hooe married Jane Seymour (an English lady),' date not given. For the marriages of Rice Hooe and Catharine Taliaferro—Col. Rice Hooe and Lady Frances Townshend—Hayden's 'Virginia Families,' From that time down, the family chronicles and the Bible. Our "old Bible" records the marriage of Richard Hooe with Anne Ireland of Maryland, also that of Catharine Taliaferro Hooe with Wm. Winter of 'Efton Hills,' Md.

In regard to the 'Paynes'—Hayden again—article 'Payne Family,' also Smith in his 'History of Va.'

We have in our possession a rare book, the 'House of Alexander,' a Scotch work, and the complete Scotch history of the family is taken from that book down to the advent of 'John Alexander' in the Colony of Virginia. This individual purchased all of the land lying between 'Hunting Creek' on the south, and the little falls of the Potomac on the north—

including the sites of 'Hunting Creek Warehouse' of that day and 'Arlington.'

I had once in my possession a paper showing the entailment of this property through the Chapman family for at least five generations.

For the history of this family 'Alexander' after their settlement in Virginia, I refer you to a paper, signed 'Brock,' giving a full and detailed account."

[There are some points in the above account by Dr. W. W. Payne, which are not well substantiated. It is only a family tradition, as I understand it, that makes John Alexander, the immigrant, son of Lord Stirling. The "House of Alexander," on the contrary, states that John Alexander, son of Lord Stirling, died in Scotland, and before the arrival of the John Alexander, of Virginia, into that Colony.

Neither is there any proof that Frances Townsend was of the family of Viscount Charles Townshend. She was daughter of Col. Robert Townshend, of King George County, who was son of Col. Richard Townshend, of York County, Virginia. This is all we know, in fact, of the family, though important information might be elicited in England by an investigation of the wills of the Pott family. Richard Townshend was the medical apprentice of Dr. John Pott, once Governor of Virginia, and appears to have been a relation.

It is technically wrong to speak of Frances Townshend as "Lady." This term was applied to the wife of a Knight. Wives of Councillors and other people of quality in Virginia were called "Madam." It should be Madam Frances Townshend, *not* Lady Frances Townshend.—*Editor.*]